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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64771

Tomoo HIROTA

Appln. No.: 09/867,634

Group Art Unit: 2128

Confirmation No.: 7167

Examiner: Hugh M. Jones

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: DESIGN VARIABLE OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND DESIGN VARIABLE
OPTIMIZATION METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of February 9, 2005 to August 9, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1020.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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